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DETAILED ACTION

This application has been re-assigned to Examiner Nathan M. Nutter in Art Unit 1711. All inquiries regarding this application should be directed to Examiner Nutter at telephone number 571-272-1076.

The amendment filed 04 March 2005 proposes amendments to claims 1 and 21, cancellation of claims 12, 13, 22, with claims 35-62 indicated as "previously cancelled" that do not comply with 37 CFR 1.173(b and d), which sets forth the manner of making amendments in reissue applications. Only claims 1-20 were issued in US Patent No. 6,251,478. All amendments in a Reissue application must be made in accordance with MPEP 1453 with underlining and bracketing in accordance with the 37 CFR 1.173(d). In accordance with 37 CFR 1.175(b)(1), a supplemental reissue oath/declaration under 37 CFR 1.175(b)(1) must be received before this reissue application can be allowed. See MPEP 1444.

A supplemental paper correctly amending the reissue application is required.

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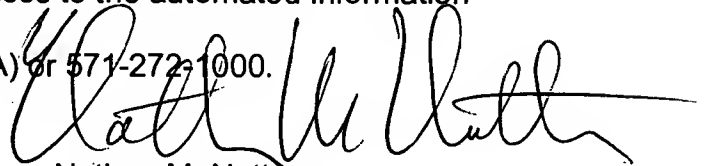
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Nathan M. Nutter whose telephone number is 571-272-1076. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, James J. Seidleck can be reached on 571-272-1078. The fax phone

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